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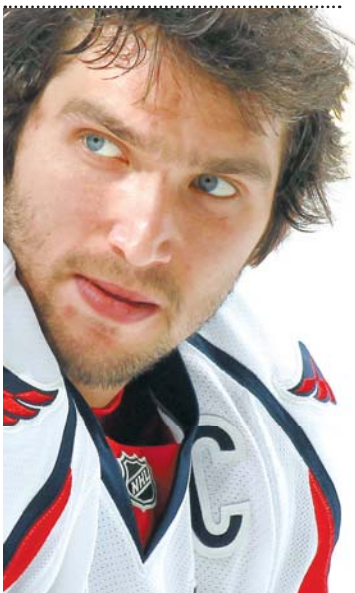
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Do Not Pass Go. Do Not Collect Roll of Toilet Paper.

Poland's state-run National Remembrance Institute has created a "Monopoly"-style game, called "Kolejka," or "Queue," to help young Poles understand the hardships of life under communism. Players try to buy basic goods, but food supplies run out before they reach the counter. If a bed is needed, they are offered stools instead. Players needing the shop's last pair of shoes get edged out by someone with connections. (AP)

14%

Your sweetheart or your pet: Who would you choose to dump if one had to go? Most current pet owners said they would hold on to their spouse or significant other (84 percent), but a sizable 14 percent picked their pet, according to an AP-Petside.com poll. (AP)

Man Plays Beloved Granny Card, Gets Fired Anyway

A car salesman in Oak Lawn, Ill., has been fired for refusing to remove a Green Bay Packers tie that he wore to work the day after the Packers beat the Chicago Bears to advance to the Super Bowl. John Stone says he wore the Packers tie to work Monday at Webb Chevrolet to honor his late grandmother, a Green Bay fan. Stone's boss, Jerry Roberts, says he was afraid the tie would alienate Bears fans. He says Stone was offered five chances to take off the tie but refused to do so. (AP)

The Big Picture



A GRAND PIANO recently appeared on a sandbar in Miami's Biscayne Bay, and there it will stay, says the U.S. Coast Guard, as long as it doesn't become a hazard to boaters or wildlife. Officials say they don't know how the piano made its way onto the sandbar, about 200 yards from the shore. (AP)

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Emanuel 'Determined' to Prevail

Ill. high court to rule on whether he can run for mayor of Chicago

Chicago

Illinois' highest court agreed Tuesday to decide whether Rahm Emanuel can run for Chicago mayor, and justices ordered election officials not to print any ballots without his name until they rule on the case.

The state Supreme Court action bought valuable time for the former White House chief of staff, who a day earlier was kicked off the ballot by an appeals court.

But with less than a week to go before the first early ballots are cast, a number of potential scenarios loomed, including the possibility that Emanuel would have to resort to a write-in campaign or wage a desperate bid to take the matter to federal court.

Emanuel, who had been the heavy favorite to lead the nation's third-largest city, pressed ahead with confidence and said he was doubling his campaign by adding more stops to his already busy



SCOTT OLSON/GETTY IMAGES

Mayoral candidate Rahm Emanuel gives a thumbs-up at a Chicago warehouse where he received the endorsement of Teamsters Joint Council 25 on Tuesday.

schedule.

"I am clear that I think that we will succeed because of the thoroughness of our argument," he said at an event where he received an endorsement from the Teamsters. He said he was "more determined to see this through so the people have a right to make the choice for themselves."

Emanuel asked the Illinois

Supreme Court to overturn an appeals court ruling, which pulled his name off the ballot because he did not live in Chicago for a year before the Feb. 22 election.

Until October, the former Chicago congressman had been living in Washington working for President Obama. The state Supreme Court justices said they would expedite the case but gave no specific

Political Ties

The court that will decide whether Rahm Emanuel can run for mayor of Chicago is no stranger to politics. The four Democrats and three Republicans on the Illinois Supreme Court are elected in contests that can be vicious and expensive. Some justices have long-standing political ties. That includes Justice Anne Burke, who is married to a powerful Chicago alderman who supports an Emanuel rival. But experts say the court tends to stick to the law and avoid political games. (AP)

time frame.

Chicago election officials said they were following the high court's order and had stopped printing ballots without Emanuel's name on them.

In the wake of Monday's ruling, other main candidates in the race — former senator Carol Moseley Braun, city Clerk Miguel del Valle and former Chicago schools chief Gery Chico — moved quickly to try to win over Emanuel supporters. DEANNA BELLANDI (AP)

In Brief

LOS ANGELES

Jackson's Doctor Pleads Not Guilty in Star's Death

Michael Jackson's doctor has pleaded not guilty to a charge of involuntary manslaughter in the pop star's death. Dr. Conrad Murray entered the plea Tuesday at his arraignment in Los Angeles Superior Court, where he was previously ordered to stand trial after a preliminary hearing of prosecution evidence. (AP)

DETROIT

Christmas Day Bombing Suspect's Oct. Trial Set

A judge on Tuesday set an Oct. 4 trial date for a Nigerian man charged with trying to blow up a Detroit-bound airliner on Christmas Day 2009 using a bomb hidden in his underwear. Umar Farouk Abdulmutallab, who is acting as his own lawyer, asked for a 2012 date and said he might not have enough time to prepare. But U.S. District Judge Nancy Edmunds said a fall trial was best for now. (AP)

35%

The portion of meat found in Taco Bell's "seasoned ground beef" or "seasoned beef," according to a lawsuit filed Friday. Taco Bell officials denied on Tuesday that their meat is not all beef. (AP)

Blame Game: The U.S. spends more money on health care than any other nation yet has a worse life expectancy than many — and the National Research Council's Tuesday report blames smoking and obesity. The U.S. led those unhealthy trends, lighting up and fattening up a few decades ahead of other high-income countries. The long-term consequences are life expectancy a few years shorter than in parts of Europe and Japan, the National Research Council reported Tuesday. (AP)

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Life for Gitmo Detainee

Judge: CIA's conduct 'pales in comparison' to embassy attacks

New York

A judge sentenced the first Guantanamo detainee to have a U.S. civilian trial to life in prison Tuesday, saying anything he suffered at the hands of the CIA and others "pales in comparison to the suffering and the horror" caused by the bombing of two U.S. embassies in Africa in 1998.

U.S. District Judge Lewis A. Kaplan sentenced Ahmed Ghailani to life, calling the attacks "horrific" and saying the deaths and damage they caused far outweighs "any and all considerations that have been advanced on behalf of the defendant." He also ordered Ghailani to pay \$33 million in restitution.

Kaplan announced the sentence in a packed Manhattan courtroom after calling it a day of justice for the defendant, as well as for the families of 224 people who died in the al-Qaeda bombings, including a dozen Americans, and thousands



Ahmed Ghailani, left, stands before judge Lewis Kaplan on Tuesday in this sketch.

more who were injured.

Ghailani, 36, was convicted late last year of conspiring to destroy government buildings but acquitted of more than 200 counts of murder and dozens of other charges. The charge carries a mandatory minimum of 20 years in prison and a maximum of life. He had asked for leniency, saying he never intended to kill anyone and he was tortured.

The judge said he wanted a sentence that "makes it crystal clear that others engaged or contemplating engaging in deadly acts of ter-

rorism risk enormously serious consequences." He said he was satisfied that Ghailani knew and intended that people would be killed.

Before sentencing, defense attorney Peter Quijano portrayed his client as a hero, saying he had provided U.S. authorities with "intelligence and information that arguably saved lives, and I submit that is not hyperbole."

Assistant U.S. Attorney Michael Farbiarz called Ghailani "a man who cannot muster a moment of contrition." (AP)

Blackwater Lawsuit Tossed Out

Raleigh, N.C.

A federal judge has tossed a lawsuit that blamed the security company formerly known as Blackwater for the deaths of four contractors killed in a grisly 2004 ambush on the restive streets of Iraq.

U.S. District Judge James C. Fox said court-ordered arbitration fell apart because neither side was paying the costs of that process, so he decided to shut the case nearly seven years after the killings. Katy Helvenston, the mother of contractor Scott Helvenston, said Tuesday the families couldn't afford the costs, and she fears the case is over. The lawsuit was filed about a year after the men's deaths.

Survivors of the contractors con-

"I think the worst part is the betrayal from my country."

— KATY HELVENSTON, MOTHER OF CONTRACTOR SCOTT HELVENSTON, WHO WAS ONE OF FOUR CONTRACTORS WHO DIED IN AN AMBUSH IN 2004 IN IRAQ.

tend Blackwater failed to prepare the men for their mission and didn't provide them with appropriate equipment. Helvenston, Jerry Zovko, Wesley Batalona and Michael Teague were sent in Mitsubishi SUVs to guard a supply convoy. Blackwater, however, argued that the men were betrayed by the Iraqi Civil Defense Corps and targeted in a well-planned ambush. (AP)

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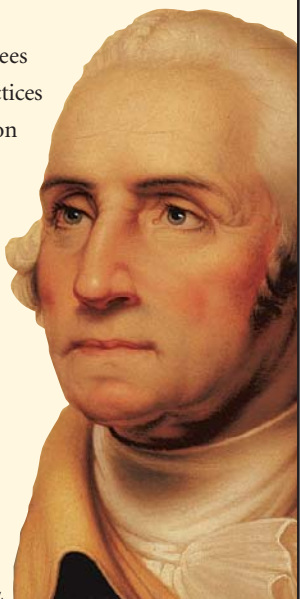
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THE NATION'S STUDENTS

are still struggling in science, with less than half considered proficient and just a tiny fraction showing the advanced skills that could lead to careers in science and technology, according to test results released Tuesday from the 2009 National Assessment of Educational Progress. Only 1 percent of fourth-grade and 12th-grade students, and 2 percent of eighth-graders scored in the highest group on the federal test. (AP)



Putin: Revenge 'Inevitable' After Attack

Russian leadership decries bombing, lax security at airport

Moscow

Prime Minister Vladimir Putin vowed revenge Tuesday for the suicide bombing that killed 35 people at a Moscow airport — a familiar tough-on-terrorism stance that has underpinned his power but also led to a rising number of deadly attacks in Russia.

Lax security also was blamed for Monday's explosion in the international arrivals area of Domodedovo Airport that also injured 180 people, with President Dmitry Medvedev criticizing police and managers at the airport, the largest of

Meanwhile ...

Monday's terrorist attack on a Moscow airport called into question Russia's ability to safely host major international events such as the 2014 Winter Olympics in Sochi and the 2018 World Cup. Still, the International Olympic Committee said Tuesday it has "no doubt" that Russia will deliver a safe Winter Games in Sochi, despite its proximity to the volatile North Caucasus region. (AP)

three that serve the capital.

No group has claimed responsibility for the attack, though suspicion is likely to fall on Islamist separatists from Russia's Caucasus region who have been battling Russian authority for over 15 years.



A man lights candles Tuesday in St. Petersburg, Russia, at a makeshift memorial for the victims of the suicide bombing Monday at Moscow's Domodedovo Airport.

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Chechen insurgents have claimed previous attacks in Moscow and even hit Domodedovo Airport in a 2004 attack that killed 90 people.

Medvedev on Tuesday gave a tough speech to officials at the Federal Security Service, the main KGB successor. He suggested that some of them could have been at fault and told them to do everything possible to find those responsible.

"The nest of these bandits, however they are called, should be eliminated," he said.

Medvedev also called for "total examination" of passengers and baggage.

Though Putin vowed that "this crime will be solved and revenge is inevitable," it was unclear what actions he could take. (AP)

In Brief

LAHORE, PAKISTAN

Suicide Bombers Kill 12 In Attacks on Shiites

Suicide bombers attacked police protecting marches by thousands of minority Shiite Muslims in Pakistan's two largest cities Tuesday, killing 12 people and wounding dozens, officials said. The first attack, which the Taliban claimed responsibility for, occurred in Lahore, killing 10 people. A second bomber struck in Karachi, killing at least two people. (AP)

MOSCOW

New START Pact Clears Key Hurdle in Russia

Russia's lower house of parliament on Tuesday voted 350-96 to ratify a landmark nuclear arms pact with the U.S., virtually assuring passage of an agreement President Obama has described as the most significant arms control deal in nearly two decades. The New START treaty, which was approved by the U.S. Senate late last year, now goes to the upper house for final approval. (AP)



Protesters brawl with police Tuesday in Cairo. Fed up with Egypt's situation, demonstrators are demanding a new government.

MOHAMMED ABED/AP/GETTY IMAGES

In Egypt, Unease Turns to Fury

Cairo

Thousands of anti-government protesters clashed with riot police Tuesday in the center of Cairo in a Tunisia-inspired demonstration to demand the end of Hosni Mubarak's nearly 30 years in power.

After a day of violence that included three deaths across the country, thousands of demonstrators stood firm in Cairo's Tahrir Square, steps from government buildings.

During the day, police used water cannons, batons and tear

"We have been a cowardly nation. We have to finally say no."

— ISMAIL SYED, 24, WHO STRUGGLES ON A SALARY OF \$50 A MONTH AND JOINED TUESDAY'S PROTESTS IN CAIRO.

gas in their attempt to clear demonstrators demanding an end to Egypt's poverty, corruption, unemployment and police abuses.

Tuesday's demonstration, the largest Egypt has seen in years,

began peacefully, with police showing unusual restraint in what appeared to be a strategy to avoid further sully the image of a security apparatus widely criticized as corrupt and violent.

In Egypt, discontent with life in the autocratic police state has simmered for years. It is the example of Tunisia, though, that appeared to push many young Egyptians into the streets for the first time.

Organizers demanded Mubarak and his government resign, parliament be dissolved and a unity government be formed. (AP)

Government

CHINA IS PUTTING URUMQI,

the western city where deadly ethnic violence broke out in 2009, under full surveillance, ensuring "seamless" coverage of parts of the city with thousands of cameras, state media reported Tuesday. Nearly 17,000 were placed in Urumqi last year, and officials said surveillance will continue to grow. (AP)



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The number of news organizations that WikiLeaks hopes to enlist to help it publish its trove of U.S. diplomatic memos, site founder Julian Assange said Tuesday. He said he has about 20 media partners. (AP)



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Sunni protesters torch tires in northern Lebanon on Tuesday amid the second day of protests over Hezbollah's rising power.

'Day of Rage' in Lebanon

Hezbollah candidate forming government stirs Sunni backlash

Beirut

The candidate backed by Iranian-allied Hezbollah was designated Tuesday to form Lebanon's next government, angering Sunnis who protested the rising power of the Shiite militant group.

Harvard-educated billionaire businessman and former premier Najib Mikati was appointed prime minister-designate after a majority of lawmakers voted for him. Mikati defeated U.S.-backed Saad Hariri, who was prime minister from 2009 until Hezbollah forced the unity government he led to collapse two weeks ago.

"My hand is extended to all Lebanese, Muslims and Christians, in

Meanwhile ...

According to Lebanon's power-sharing agreement, the prime minister must be a Sunni, the parliament speaker a Shiite and the president a Christian Maronite. Each faith makes up about a third of Lebanon's population of 4 million. Many now fear Lebanon's political crisis could again ignite sectarian fighting similar to Shiite-Sunni street clashes that killed 81 people in Beirut in 2008. Hezbollah's rise also looked likely to also raise tensions with Israel. (AP)

order to build and not to destroy," Mikati said.

U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton warned that formation of a Hezbollah-led government will change the country's relationship with the U.S.

The vote caps Hezbollah's steady rise over the past few decades from a resistance group fighting Israel to Lebanon's most powerful military and political force.

Hariri's bloc, which has insisted it will not join a government led by a Hezbollah pick, declared a day of peaceful protests Tuesday — but called it a "day of rage."

Sunnis demonstrated for a second day across the country, and the largest such gathering was in Tripoli, a predominantly Sunni city in the north, where thousands of people converged.

Protesters attacked an Al-Jazeera van, but the channel said no one was injured.

Hezbollah can now either form its own government or try to persuade Hariri to join a unity government. Hezbollah leader Sheik Hassan Nasrallah on Sunday said he favored a unity government. (AP)



Optimism in Afghanistan: Gen. David H. Petraeus on Tuesday offered an optimistic assessment of the Afghan war, writing to his subordinates that coalition and Afghan troops in the past year "inflicted enormous losses" on mid-level insurgents and "took away some of their most important safe havens." Still, Petraeus' optimism is not widely shared. Statistics gathered by NATO show that violence rose to its highest levels last year, and U.S. military officials predict 2011 will be even worse. (THE WASHINGTON POST)

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Q What a disappointing pick by the board. We need a fresh direction, not a caretaker of a broken system. But what can we expect from a broken governance system? Is there any hope for the system, or are we doomed to live with poor infrastructure?

I've seen a lot of comments following Metro's announcement that the board wants Interim GM Richard Sarles to stay on as the permanent boss. I disagree with Sarles on certain policies, such as his decision last month to treat all riders as terror suspects and have the transit police randomly select certain riders to prove their innocence through a bag check. Despite that, I'm not sure I understand the comments expressing overall dissatisfaction with his one-year tenure in the interim post.

Q I have seen the progress being made on the Dulles Toll Road and Route 123 toward getting the Metro extension up and running. However, it seems the section on Route 7 just remains a giant dirt dump. Why has no progress happened on this span?

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The work along Route 123 is mostly confined to the north side of the roadway. The work along the Dulles Toll Road is largely confined to the median. But along Route 7, it's necessary to eliminate the service roads, shift all the travel lanes outward, and create a median that will not only contain the new rail line but also two new stations. The utility relocation alone took a couple of years.

Q Do you know why certain bus routes change drivers in the middle of a route instead of at the end destination? It takes two to three minutes to adjust mirrors and seats while the drivers often end up talking for a few moments to each other. We, the passengers, then sit idle on the bus wondering when we're going to move.

I've seen bus drivers change shifts at the ends of the line and at various points along routes, including along Georgia Avenue on the 70s line, but am not sure how the decision is made on selecting the point. Just a guess: that the point selected is either at the end of a line or near a bus garage or a bus route that connects with a garage. The scenario you're describing doesn't sound as bad to me as the delays that occur at the start of a route, where the passengers must remain standing outside the bus — in the cold or other bad weather — while the transition is made.

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Urns Set to Be Returned to Army

Owner of vessels from Arlington Cemetery drops auction plan

Alexandria

The owner of a pair of towering, decorative urns that were originally part of Arlington National Cemetery's Memorial Amphitheater told Army officials on Tuesday that he would return them, saying that they belong at the nation's most revered burial ground, not on the auction block.

The 9-foot-tall marble urns, which were replaced during a renovation of the amphitheater in the mid-1990s, were to be put up for public sale by the Potomack Company, an Alexandria auction house, next weekend.

But after being informed of the sale by The Washington Post, the Department of the Army, which oversees the cemetery, asked the auction house to postpone the sale "pending additional research to



Darryl Savage stands with the bases of the urns at the Potomack Company on Tuesday.

determine rightful ownership and disposition."

Several preservation groups expressed outrage that the urns, which appear in many historic photographs of the cemetery, were being put on the auction block.

"I am very happy they are going to have a good resting place," said

Darryl Savage, an antiques dealer who acquired the urns in 1997.

The return of the urns may have pleased preservationists who had criticized the Army for not better protecting them, but it does not end the mystery of how they ended up in private hands in the first place.



One of the urns is visible during a Medal of Honor ceremony at Arlington in 1958.

For 14 years, Savage has had them on display at DHS Designs, his antiques shop in Queenstown on Maryland's Eastern Shore. He said he purchased the urns from another dealer involved in the amphitheater renovation, who he would not identify.

Army officials said the renovation's original request for proposals instructed contractors to "dispose" of the urns.

But the Army has not been able to locate the contract and could not provide details about how the urns were to be disposed. **CHRISTIAN DAVENPORT (THE WASHINGTON POST)**

In Brief

RICHMOND, VA.

Allen Announces Intent To Regain Senate Seat



Allen

Virginia Republican George Allen officially began his political comeback Monday, announcing his intent to regain his old Senate seat in

an e-mailed video that promises "an American comeback." The Republican former governor who lost his Senate seat in a 2006 campaign riddled with embarrassments said he will run a campaign focused on issues straight out of the tea party playbook. (AP)

WASHINGTON

Boehner Aims to Revive D.C. School Vouchers

House Speaker John Boehner will introduce a bill Wednesday that aims to revive a school voucher program in the District, nearly two years after Democratic opposition to the program led to its phase-out. The program, known officially as the D.C. Opportunity Scholarship Program, was first passed by Congress in 2004, with the support of some city leaders, including then-Mayor Anthony A. Williams. Boehner, chairman of the Education and Workforce Committee at the time, co-authored the bill.

(THE WASHINGTON POST)

The Lotteries

Tuesday, Jan. 25

Maryland

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Evening Pick 3 (Mon.) 0-4-5
Mid-day Pick 4 5-0-5-0
Evening Pick 4 (Mon.) 2-3-5-5
Match 5 (Mon.) 11-12-21-23-25 (39)

District

Mid-day Lucky Numbers 9-3-1
Evening Lucky Numbers (Mon.) 3-1-0
Mid-day DC 4 3-3-3-4
Evening DC 4 (Mon.) 0-2-6-7
Mid-day D.C. Five 4-5-2-0-8
Evening D.C. Five (Mon.) 2-4-7-6-4

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Mid-day Pick 3 7-7-0
Evening Pick 3 (Mon.) 1-3-5
Mid-day Pick 4 3-1-9-5
Evening Pick 4 (Mon.) 5-3-9-8
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Cover Story

'Our Generation's Sputnik'

Obama says only together can the country overcome critical challenges

Washington

Trying to lift the nation and his own political fortunes, President Obama on Tuesday sought to promote a jobs agenda blending concentrated spending and a fresh bid to control the country's staggering debt. He faced a more skeptical and divided Congress and an electorate demanding results in an economy-heavy State of the Union address.

In brief excerpts of his speech, released before the speech Tuesday evening by the White House, Obama said the American people are counting on their leaders to create jobs in the United States, not watch them go elsewhere.

"At stake right now is not who wins the next election," Obama said. "After all, we just had an election."

Halfway through his term, Obama stepped into this moment on the upswing, with a series of recent legislative wins in his pocket and praise from all corners for the way he responded to the shooting rampage in Arizona that targeted a member of Congress.

But the political reality is that he must now find a way to lead a divided government for the first time, with more than half of all Americans disapproving of the way he is handling the economy — the topic dominating both his speech and a 2012 re-election campaign that has already begun.

Details of the speech began leaking in advance. Obama was to call for a five-year freeze on all discretionary government spending outside of national security, the White House said. That would be almost identical to the freeze Obama called for in his address

FROM OBAMA'S ADDRESS

"AT STAKE RIGHT NOW IS NOT WHO WINS THE NEXT ELECTION. AFTER ALL, WE JUST HAD AN ELECTION. AT STAKE IS WHETHER NEW JOBS AND INDUSTRIES TAKE ROOT IN THIS COUNTRY, OR SOMEWHERE ELSE."



Obama's Silent Approach

More than two months after his bipartisan deficit commission first unveiled a blueprint for reining in the national debt, President Obama has yet to take a position on it, and administration officials said he would not do so in his address. That decision has cheered liberals concerned about recommendations that target Social Security, such as an increase in the retirement age and cuts in benefits for well-off retirees. But it has disappointed balanced-budget advocates, who see little chance for progress if the president is unwilling to use the political cover provided by the bipartisan commission to chart a bold course forward. Democrats say the president views this as the beginning of a negotiation with resurgent Republicans, and considered it important not to give away too much too soon. Even some Republicans acknowledge that GOP newcomers may find it difficult to swallow specific spending cuts that hit hometown businesses. (TWP)

to the nation last year at this time, and, ultimately, it may have little effect, as Congress decides the budget on its own terms.

This year's speech featured a more sober, civil and emotional setting. One seat was to remain empty in honor of Democratic Rep. Gabrielle Giffords of Arizona, who is recovering from a bullet wound from the Jan. 8 assassination attempt against her that left six people dead. Many in both parties were to wear black-and-white lapel pins, signifying the deaths in Tucson and the hopes of the survivors. Family members of some victims were to sit with first lady Michelle Obama.

In an attempt at unity after the attack, some Democratic and

Republican lawmakers planned to sit together. The focus on a new tone comes a year after Obama's rebuke of a Supreme Court decision in his State of the Union speech led Justice Samuel Alito to mouth back from the audience, "Not true."

The president's speech focused on federal spending for education, innovation and infrastructure as ways the government can support the country's foundation and help businesses create jobs for a generation. He was pairing that with a call to reduce the federal debt and to make the government leaner.

In detailing the challenges that lie ahead of the country, Obama looked back to the Cold War era for inspiration of what Americans can

Spending Fight

GOP Moves First

Moving to keep a campaign promise to slash the federal budget, Republicans controlling the House Tuesday went on record to return most domestic agencies to 2008 budget levels in place before President Obama took office.

The 256-165 vote came on a symbolic measure but is an opening salvo in an upcoming battle over the budget that will pit the House GOP against Obama and the Democrat-controlled Senate.

The vote comes on a non-binding resolution that promises cuts approaching 20 percent of the budgets for agencies such as the Education and Commerce departments when Congress wraps up the budget for the current fiscal year. The White House warns that such cuts would mean furloughs of tens of thousands of federal workers. (AP)

accomplish when pushed.

"Half a century ago, when the Soviets beat us into space with the launch of a satellite called Sputnik, we had no idea how we'd beat them to the moon," Obama said. "The science wasn't there yet. NASA didn't even exist. But after investing in better research and education, we didn't just surpass the Soviets; we unleashed a wave of innovation that created new industries and millions of new jobs. This is our generation's Sputnik moment." **BEN FELLER (AP)**



"The days are over of unlimited spending, of no prioritization. And the days of getting spending under control are just beginning." — HOUSE BUDGET COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN **PAUL RYAN**, R-WIS., SETTING

THE TONE FOR OBAMA'S BATTLE WITH CONGRESS OVER THE GOVERNMENT'S SPENDING.

It Never Gets Easy for Hoyas

Big East depth proves to be breeding ground for a number of upsets

Hoyas Hoops

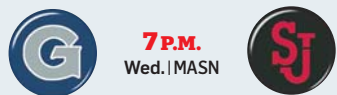
Cincinnati was dominant until it got knocked off by Villanova. Two days later, Nova cut off Louisville's streak. Marquette has messed with Notre Dame and West Virginia's records while the former stopped Pittsburgh's in its tracks.

Welcome to life in the Big East, which is positioning itself to be the best conference in college basketball this season.

Just how good is it? Georgetown, which scored impressive early wins over Missouri and Memphis, never fell out of the top 25 despite losing three of its first four league games.



Jason Clark, left, and Austin Freeman, right, never dropped out of the top 25 during a stretch in which the Hoyas lost three of four games.



"It just goes to show that the Big East, there's a lot of parity — a lot of teams are very good," Georgetown senior guard Chris Wright said. "We always want to get up on each other. Every year I've been here, they said, 'It's the best it's been in 20 years.' Then the next year, 'It's the best it's been in 21 years.' So it's always going to be tough and that's just how it is."

Back to Square One

Wednesday's game against St. John's is pivotal for the Hoyas, who are shooting to reach .500 in league play and avenge one of those early league losses.

The last time Georgetown met St. John's (11-7, 4-4), the Red Storm used a last-second shot to upend the Hoyas, who were playing their third game in six days to jump-start the new year. Now, the Hoyas are coming back from a weeklong break after a difficult stretch of games that ended with wins against Rutgers and Seton Hall in New Jersey.

Upgrades Self-Defense



Breaking down opposing teams won't be the only defense on the Hoyas' minds as the second half

of league play season approaches. The Hoyas rank 131st nationally in field goal percentage defense (42 percent) and 12th in the Big East. The inability to get stops at critical moments nearly dealt them a devastating blow during Seton Hall's 19-2 run in the second half last Tuesday.

As promised, coach John Thompson III's practices in the eight days between games have focused on defense. The sessions, he said, were as much about structure as desire. "You can put in place whatever defensive schemes, but at the end of the day, it's 'you have the ball and I'm guarding you, and I have to stop you,'" he said. (TWP)

"I don't know what to say. It's an honor. [But] it also means people are going to come after me. So, I have to be prepared."

— AUSTIN FREEMAN, ON BEING HONORED AS THE BIG EAST'S PLAYER OF THE WEEK.

The time to rest, recuperate and improve on some deficiencies gives the now 14-5 (3-4 in Big East) team confidence it can be on the right side of the result this time around.

"There are a few things we're going to do differently," Wright said. "We weren't very sharp on the offensive end, they slowed us down with their matchups a little bit, transition defense was poor. We just didn't play well; we played very lethargic in that game. Myself, Austin [Freeman], we got some things, we got a chip on our shoulder because it's St. John's and, historically, it's probably our biggest rival, so we're going to be ready."

Austin's Powers

As he has for the past several weeks, senior Austin Freeman stressed his need to be aggressive in order to make things happen for either himself or

his teammates. The best way for Freeman to do that is by "attacking the defense, taking an open shot when I have it, rebounding and helping my teammates on the offensive end if they're open."

And that's just what the shooting guard has been doing of late.

The preseason choice for Big East player of the year was named the league's player of the week for the first time this year Monday after scoring 28 points in Georgetown's comeback win against Seton Hall. He made 10 of his 13 shots, including going three of four on attempts from 3-point range. After some down performances, including against West Virginia, Freeman has bounced back to be third in the league in scoring (18.5 points per game) and has scored at least 20 points eight times this season. KRISTINA LUCIDO

AP Top 25

The Big East has four teams ranked in the AP's top 10 and seven in the top 25, including Georgetown, with a losing conference record.

1 OHIO STATE 20-0

2 Pittsburgh 19-2

Lost its first league game Monday in an upset pulled off by Notre Dame.

3 DUKE 18-1

4 SAN DIEGO STATE 20-0

5 Connecticut 16-2

The Huskies' Kemba Walker is making a case for Player of the Year with his game-winning shots.

6 KANSAS 18-1

7 TEXAS 16-3

8 Villanova 17-2

Had its 11-game winning streak snapped last week but bounced back with a win over Syracuse.

9 Syracuse 18-2

Was undefeated until back-to-back losses last week to Villanova and Pittsburgh.

10 BRIGHAM YOUNG 19-1

11 MISSOURI 17-3

12 PURDUE 17-3

13 TEXAS A&M 17-2

14 KENTUCKY 15-4

15 Notre Dame 17-4

Has quality wins over Georgetown and Pitt, but what happened in that loss to Marquette?

16 MINNESOTA 15-4

17 WISCONSIN 15-4

18 WASHINGTON 15-4

19 VANDERBILT 14-4

20 ILLINOIS 14-6

21 Georgetown 14-5

A win over St. John's Wednesday puts the Hoyas back at .500 in the Big East.

22 FLORIDA STATE 15-5

23 Louisville 15-4

Was the first league team to lose to Providence after eking past Marquette.

24 FLORIDA 15-4

25 MICHIGAN STATE 12-7

No Joke — Brown Producing With Bobcats

Former Wizards top pick survives barbs to forge a key role

Pro Basketball

It's been almost 10 years since then-Wizards boss Michael Jordan made Kwame Brown the No. 1 overall draft pick. For Brown, that's meant a decade of ridicule. From the immediate barbs he took from Jordan as a rookie to

being booed every time he touched the ball in his return to Washington last month, Brown has been criticized not only for his own shortcomings, but for Jordan's as an executive, too. Those jokes were recycled in August when Jordan, now owner of the Bobcats, signed off on bringing Brown to Charlotte in what was seen as an odd and uncomfortable reunion.

The laughs aren't so loud these days. While no star, an older and wiser Brown has become a start-

er and key contributor. Playing for the veteran minimum of \$1.3 mil-



Brown

lion, he's also one of the most cost-effective players in the NBA.

The 6-foot-11 Brown is averaging 5.9 points and 6.6 rebounds. But he's had games of 12 points and 14 rebounds, and 15 points and 16 rebounds in the past two weeks. "He's getting better, I

tell you," Bobcats interim coach Paul Silas said.

The 28-year-old Brown will probably always be known as the gaffe for Jordan, who declined to be interviewed for this story. But Brown has found a way to stick around in the NBA for 10 seasons by refusing to dwell on his troubles after becoming the first player to skip college and be the first pick in the draft. "You can't see what's in front of you by looking back," Brown said. **MIKE CRANSTON (AP)**

TV Lineup

- CAPITALS (7 P.M., CSN)** The Caps hit the road to face Atlanta.
- HOYAS HOOPS (7 P.M., MASN)** Georgetown can move to .500 in the Big East by beating St. John's.
- TENNIS (9:30 P.M., 3:30 A.M., ESPN2)** The semifinals of the Australian Open.
- PRO BASKETBALL (9:30 P.M., ESPN)** The Utah Jazz hosts the San Antonio Spurs.
- PRO HOCKEY (7:30 P.M., VERSUS)** The Red Wings host the Devils.

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The Capitals

At times over roughly the last week, Alex Ovechkin has looked exactly like the dominant, energetic force that his reputation as a player is built on. Against the Rangers on Monday night, he created scoring chances off rushes, crashed the net (even sparking a bit of a shoving match with Martin Biron) and had the electrifying presence that, well, hasn't always been out on the ice this season.

Only time will tell whether this is the sign of a larger breakout by the Capitals' star left wing, as we've seen slumps end at various points throughout the year, but there may be a different feel to Ovechkin's play in recent games. There's a little more movement, a little more oomph, a little more of the qualities that have made Ovechkin fun to watch during his career.

"To me his speed has increased recently," coach Bruce Boudreau



Alex Ovechkin, right, celebrates after scoring a first-period goal against Toronto.

said. "His puck handling has increased; he's gotten a little bit better."

When asked to explain what he meant by Ovechkin's speed increasing, Boudreau brought up some of the main qualities evident on the ice when Ovechkin is at his best.

"He looks quicker. He was making moves while he was skating, where as before he'd get stiff-legged and would try to make moves around guys by not moving his legs," Boudreau said. "You saw in the second period he got a puck

at the blue line and he was going full speed, made one move, took a great shot and I think he missed the net with it, but it was a great opportunity. That's what you're used to seeing when you're talking about Alex."

For his part, after the game, Ovechkin joked when asked whether he was his old self.

"What, am I old Ovie?" Ovechkin asked back. "You guys said I'm back and like old Ovie. I feel like normal." **KATIE CARRERA** (THE WASHINGTON POST)

With Nadal Looming, Federer Stays Focused

Tennis

Roger Federer is reluctant for now to talk about possibly playing Rafael Nadal in the Australian Open final, and with good reason.

After all, he's playing Novak Djokovic in the semifinals.

Federer and Nadal have dominated Grand Slam tennis, winning 21 of the last 23 titles. But Djokovic is dangerous, and Federer knows his one-match-at-a-time mantra is sound strategy.

"He takes it to the opponent," Federer said.

Federer routed Stanislas Wawrinka 6-1, 6-3, 6-3 Tuesday

in the first all-Swiss quarterfinal at a major. Djokovic eliminated Wimbledon finalist Tomas Berdych 6-1, 7-6 (5), 6-1 in the night match.

On the women's side, Caroline Wozniacki beat Francesca Schiavone 3-6, 6-3, 6-3 in one quarterfinal, and Li Na defeated Andrea Petkovic 6-2, 6-4 in the other.

It was at this stage of the 2008 Australian Open that Djokovic beat Federer before going on to win his first and only Grand Slam singles title. Federer also lost to Djokovic after having two match points in the U.S. Open semifinals last September. **JOHN PYE** (AP)

Foot in Mouth



PATRIOTS RECEIVER WES WELKER told the Boston Herald Tuesday that he regrets comments made in reference to foot-fetish reports involving New York Jets coach Rex Ryan. At a news conference on Jan. 13, three days before the Jets beat the Patriots 28-21 in the playoffs, Welker made about a dozen references to toes and feet, a not-so-subtle dig at Ryan. (AP)

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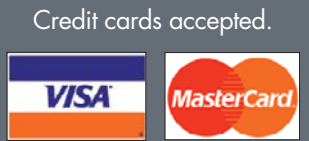
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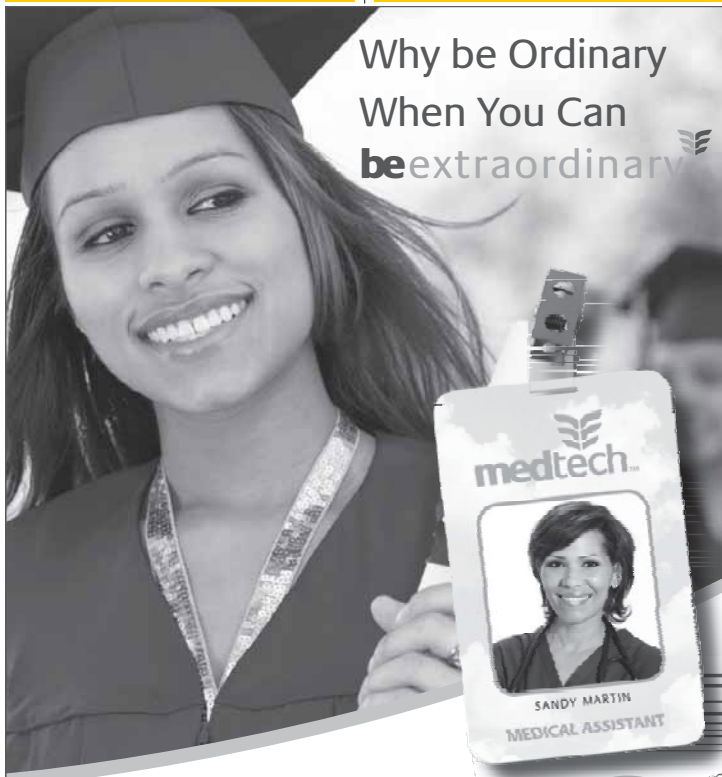
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Democratic Q&A

Every once in a while, YouTube reminds us that it's good for something other than watching bootleg clips of TV shows and videos of Nora the piano-playing cat. As it has a few times before, the website is giving its users a chance to talk directly to President Obama himself — sort of.



By **Kenneth Terrell**
During his State of the Union address Tuesday night, the commander in chief outlined his goals for the nation in 2011. On Thursday, in a live-streamed session at 2:30 p.m., Obama will answer questions submitted by YouTube's users about the steps they think his administration ought to take to move the nation forward. (Twitter users also submitted questions using the hashtag #askobama, but video questions are preferred.)

Unfortunately, the deadline for submitting a question has passed. But there's still time for you to be an important part of the process by going to Youtube.com/askobama to vote on which questions the prez should be asked. So vote, please. Normally, it's only once every four years that we get a chance to let the president know what's really on our minds.

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LONG LIVE THE QUEEN

On her wide-ranging 'Party Ain't Over' disc, Wanda Jackson is as energetic as ever

Album Review

For a woman in the 1950s, Wanda Jackson led a pretty swinging life. She was just breaking out as a country singer in Los Angeles and had a very supportive musician boyfriend. He thought she



The Party Ain't Over

Wanda Jackson

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was a fine country singer but that she should try her hand at rockabilly. Initially, Jackson balked: That genre was dominated by males. But soon, she'd found her niche, putting her on the map as one of the first female 'n' roll artists.

Did we mention that her boyfriend was Elvis Presley?

But even without that association, Jackson stands on her own as an important figure in rock history, one who has remained active

for 50 years. More than half a century after she first jumped genres, the Queen of Rock proves she can still hang with the best of them on her comeback album, "The Party Ain't Over." At 72, she's as rowdy and unruly as ever.

For the record, Jackson worked with Jack White (pictured above right), who's become the Quentin Tarantino of garage rock: rediscov-

ering older artists, reviving their careers and recontextualizing them for younger generations.

"The Party Ain't Over" isn't some tasteful, Rick Rubin acoustic session that presents Jackson as an old lady singing quiet, dignified songs. Instead, the album lives up to its title, with Jackson reeling and rocking through 11 covers of songs by artists rang-

ing from Jimmie Rodgers to Amy Winehouse.

It may not be a revelation, but the record does exactly what it needs to: It lets Jackson be Jackson, reviving the artist and her style as if the past few decades never happened. **STEPHEN M. DEUSNER**

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And the Nominees Are ...



"The King's Speech" led Tuesday's Oscar nominee announcement with a total of 12 nods. Other contenders:
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Best Actor: Javier Bardem, "Biutiful"; Jeff Bridges, "True Grit"; Jesse Eisenberg, "The Social Network"; **Colin Firth, right**, "The King's Speech"; James Franco, "127 Hours."



Best Actress: Annette Bening, "The Kids Are All Right"; Nicole Kidman, "Rabbit Hole"; Jennifer Lawrence, "Winter's Bone"; Natalie Portman, "Black Swan"; Michelle Williams, "Blue Valentine."

Best Director: Darren Aronofsky, "Black Swan"; David O. Russell, "The Fighter"; Tom Hooper, "The King's Speech"; David Fincher, "The Social Network"; Joel Coen and Ethan Coen, "True Grit." (AP)



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Most of us can follow physics only so far. Simple machines — absolutely. Supernovas — yes. Fourth spatial dimension — um, yes, totally, we get it. We think. Sort of. Hold on — it's not time? Luckily, there are people like Brian Greene, left, who not only understand it but are able to explain it. He'll discuss his latest book, "The Hidden Reality," tonight. **Politics and Prose, 5015 Connecticut Ave. NW; 7 p.m., free; 202-364-1919. (Van Ness)**



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Movie Makeup Magic

Special effects star in new geek-friendly competition series

Reality

SYFY 10:00 If imitation is the sincerest form of flattery, the makers of "Project Runway" must feel flattered indeed. But the new series "Face Off" is not so much imitation as mutation.

Substitute the world of horror-movie makeup and special effects for runway glamour and high fashion and you have "Face Off." Actress McKenzie Westmore hosts. She's not only poised and attractive but comes from one of the grand families of movie and television special effects. Her dad was the makeup artist for "Star Trek."

While Westmore plays the Heidi Klum role, the panel of judges includes Ve Neill, who won an Oscar for "Pirates of the Caribbean," Glenn Hetrick ("Heroes") and Patrick Tatopoulos ("I Am



Marcel Banks, above, competes against 11 other makeup artists on "Face Off."

Legend").

The dozen competitors bring both ingenuity and a geeky enthusiasm. If you can't handle folks with tattoos and body piercings, don't watch "Face Off." Two of the women sport the same retro Bettie Page hair bob, and the judges have the blustering exactitude of the Comic Book Guy on "The Simpsons." There's something endearingly nerdy about the

whole affair.

You don't have to love the comic-book/horror-movie aesthetic to appreciate the level of skill and hard work on display here. Each week brings new challenges, from creating an original horror villain to crafting an original zombie. And if you thought the "Runway" models had it hard, try breathing under layers of latex! **KEVIN MCDONOUGH** (UNITED FEATURES SYNDICATE)

Best Bets

NBC 9:00



Chase In the conclusion of a two-part story, Annie's (Kelli Giddish, left) life is still in the hands of the dangerous drug cartel that's taken her captive. She befriends another American hostage and vows to help him get home.

PBS 9:00

NOVA In "Making Stuff Smaller," host David Pogue looks at high-powered nanocircuits and microrobots that play a big role in a new technological world in which smaller is better. One day, the increasingly tiny creations featured here may hold the key to saving lives and building materials from the ground up.

ABC 9:30

Cougar Town A broken television set derails the gang's movie night, so Jules (Courteney Cox, right) invents a new game — a variation on hide-and-seek — for everyone to play.



TBS 10:00

Are We There Yet? Nick's colleagues encourage him and Suzanne to send Lindsey and Kevin to a private school, but the admissions process proves to be a turnoff. Gigi hires Kevin to be a model, but he quickly decides he deserves more money. (TRIBUNE MEDIA)

Premiere



Body Shop

New series "Desert Car Kings" (10 p.m., DSC) revolves around Ron and Jason McClure, the father-and-son owners of Desert Valley Auto Parts who provide original parts — drawn from more than 10,000 rust-free vehicles sitting on their 100-acre Arizona property — to collectors across the country as well as restoring classic cars to be sold at their monthly auction. (TM)

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Highbrow on High Seas

Norway's Hurtigruten prides itself as the 'anti-cruise ship' line

Excursion

In the arms race now gripping the travel industry, there is almost nothing cruise ships won't do to tempt new customers. Some boast of climbing walls, ice-skating rinks and water parks. Others offer endless bingo, salsa, yoga or gambling. And then there is Norway's Hurtigruten line. Hurtigruten, which plies Norway's magnificently craggy western coast, specializes in rocks, fish and sea, with a dollop of heavy machinery thrown in. It prides itself as "the anti-cruise ship" line — an ornery outlook that snagged my counterculture psyche hook, line

Culture Club

Hurtigruten offers 12-day voyages through fjords, from \$1,502 per person. Check Hurtigruten.com for other prices, deals, itineraries and discounts. Most popular departures are in the winter, to see the northern lights, with February being the cruise line's busiest month. (AP)



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Get a peek at the Ålesund, Norway, scenery from one of Hurtigruten's cruise ships

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full of fish in every possible permutation? OK, I'm game. Arctic Circle, Norwegian fjords, and — depending on the season — northern lights and midnight sun? "No bingo, no karaoke, no dancing girls — you can't call us a cruise ship," said Ebger Pijfers, tour leader on Hurtigruten's MS Vesteraleen. Nearly every day year-round, a Hurtigruten ship leaves the western city of Bergen for the 12-day odyssey up north and back. The ships churn past some of the world's most remote, remarkable scenery, above the Arctic Circle, past UNESCO-honored island communities, through the icy Barents Sea and into Kirkenes, an energy boom town close to the Russian border. Then they head back south. "We are a little piece of Norway floating along the coast," Pijfers said. SHEILA NORMAN-CULP (AP)

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Garden of Eating



On the Weather Channel, the “Today” show and his own PBS program, “P. Allen Smith’s Garden Home,” Southern-boy green thumb P. Allen Smith dispenses advice on everything from planting tomatoes to pruning rosebushes. Now, the weeding and seeding enthusiast shares his recipes for what to cook with all the veggies he’s taught people how to grow in, “P. Allen’s Smith’s Seasonal Recipes From the Garden” (\$33, Clarkson-Potter). And, yes, he claims you can dine like a locavore even in the winter. JENNIFER BARGER (EXPRESS)

Americans forgot they could grow their own food for a while. Why is it getting popular again?

I think it’s innate in us. We’re hardwired for survival and caring for ourselves. The act of growing something, even if it’s just some herbs, satisfies us on a very deep level.

One of your points in the book is that you don’t have to have Martha Stewart’s backyard to grow food.

I hope people realize they have more



space to grow than they think. There are so many ways to grow vegetables and herbs in containers.

And if you cook with a lot of herbs, do the math — you can buy a handful of plants for \$25 and provide all your herbs for a year.

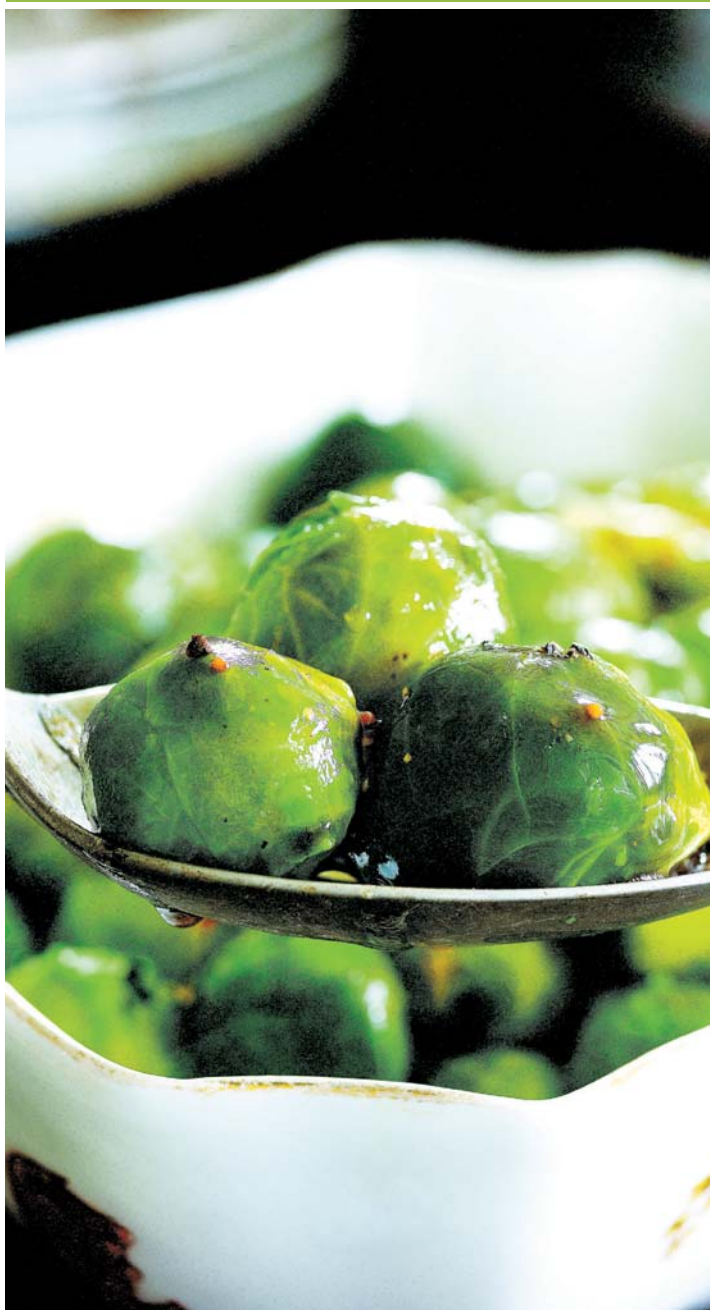
What should beginning gardeners plant to get started?

Well, don’t take on too much, because you’ll get discouraged. It’s better to start small and have a victory rather than tilling the whole back 40. Start with some tomatoes or lettuce.

The book has seasonal recipes for the middle of winter. How does that work?

Well, it is a challenging time of year. Right now, at my farm, we’re eating potatoes we grew, and even as cold as it gets, we grow parsnips, carrots and leeks under frost blankets.

BRUSSELS SPROUTS WITH MAPLE MUSTARD VINAIGRETTE



BEN FINK

Ingredients

- 2 pounds fresh brussels sprouts
- 2 tablespoons white wine vinegar
- 2 tablespoons balsamic vinegar
- 2 tablespoons maple syrup
- 1 tablespoon coarse-grained mustard
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon freshly grated nutmeg
- 1/2 cup olive oil
- Cracked black pepper, to taste

Serves 4 to 6

Fill a large bowl with ice and cold water, and set it aside.

Trim the bottoms of the brussels sprouts, discarding the outer leaves.

Cut a ¼-inch-deep X in the stem end of each sprout (to ensure even cooking).

Bring a large saucepan of salted water to a boil over high heat. Add the brussels sprouts and simmer for 10 to 15 minutes, or until tender, stirring occasionally. Be careful not to overcook them!

Plunge the sprouts into the ice water to stop the cooking, and then drain them in a colander.

Whisk the vinegars, maple syrup, mustard, salt, nutmeg, olive oil, and pepper in a medium bowl until thick and smooth. Add the brussels sprouts and toss to coat. Transfer the sprouts to a serving bowl, and serve at room temperature.

Note: The brussels sprouts can be cooked and the vinaigrette prepared in advance. Just reheat the sprouts in boiling water or in the microwave, and then toss them with the vinaigrette.

P. ALLEN SMITH

So, what’s the worst thing you can do to fresh vegetables?

Overcook them. Though, in the winter, with a big pan of root vegetables, it’s hard to do that. But things like broccoli and brussels sprouts — be gentle with them. You want them to be tender.

Which winter vegetable gets the worst rap?

I think that the leek does, and it’s time for it to have its moment in the sun. And parsnips don’t get credit. They’re really good roasted.

“If you cook with a lot of herbs, do the math — you can buy a handful of plants for \$25 and provide all your herbs for a year.”



If I can’t grow my own veggies, what’s the trick to getting good ones at the farmers market or grocery store?

I think the key is having a relationship with someone, whether it’s the grocery manager or the potato guy at the farmers market. It goes back to that whole human component of food.

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AN ANONYMOUS COMMENTER

“I hear Fenty is looking for a mayoral job. Maybe he can duke it out with Rahm for a spot on the ballot.”

COMMENTER WISE GUY

“Probably. He’s a rich politician.”

COMMENTER ONE BIG A@# MISTAKE

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“The only thing that makes this document, one of at least hundreds that Abe [Lincoln] signed, of any historical interest is that someone attempted a crude alteration of it. By all means, don’t attempt a restoration. In either form ,it represents the sort of trivia that a lower tier of ‘historians’ obsess with.”

— COMMENTER JAMESCURRIN AT WASHINGTONPOST.COM REACTS TO A STORY ABOUT THOMAS LOWRY, WHO IS ACCUSED OF ALTERING A PRESIDENTIAL PARDON TO AMPLIFY ITS HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE.

“Castigating the pair is a good move towards encouraging more women to participate in the beautiful game, but it is worth bearing in mind that Sian Massey and any other women who officiate are going to hear far worse from the terraces than they did from the leaked recordings of [Andy] Gray and [Richard] Keys.”

— MARKBORKOWSKI.COM THINKS THE FIRING OF TWO SKY SPORTS BROADCASTERS — WHO WERE HEARD MAKING SEXIST REMARKS ABOUT REFEREE SIAN MASSEY DURING A MEN’S GAME LAST WEEK — WILL DO LITTLE TO ERADICATE SEXISM IN SOCCER.



“‘Jersey Shore’ will have more seasons than ‘Arrested Development.’ Hope you’re proud of yourselves, humanity.”

— @DISKOPO TWEETS AFTER LEARNING THAT THE FOURTH SEASON OF THE MTV REALITY SHOW WILL BE FILMED IN ITALY.

“[This] has to be the most glaring of this year’s Oscar snubs: no Best Director nomination for Christopher Nolan for ‘Inception.’ While the movie is nominated for Best Picture, the snubbing of Nolan is inexplicable.”

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PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) You'll surely want to give credit where credit is due, though someone may not want you to single him or her out individually.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) You'll want to be sure to give others the rundown of what will be happening; surprises may work against you, so be crystal clear.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) A little private investigation of your own can uncover a piece of information that makes a huge difference to you in the long run.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) You may find yourself in charge quite suddenly, and the only way to make a success of the situation is to be yourself at all times.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) You are going to need a certain amount of help, and you know just who you want by your side when things begin to heat up.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) It will be more important than usual to thank those who have been instrumental in getting you where you are right now.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) You want very much to be at the top of the heap, but the competition is likely to be more fierce than usual. Be sure to play fair at all times.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) You may be able to call the shots, but not from the front lines. Be willing to remain in the background for now.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) You may be surprised to learn exactly who has been working for you behind the scenes lately. It's time to express your gratitude, surely.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) You're sure to stand out for all the right reasons. Don't overdo it after nightfall when things get lively.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) You can score an important new first, but there are those who will be critical of even your best, most sincere efforts.

Scrabble Grams

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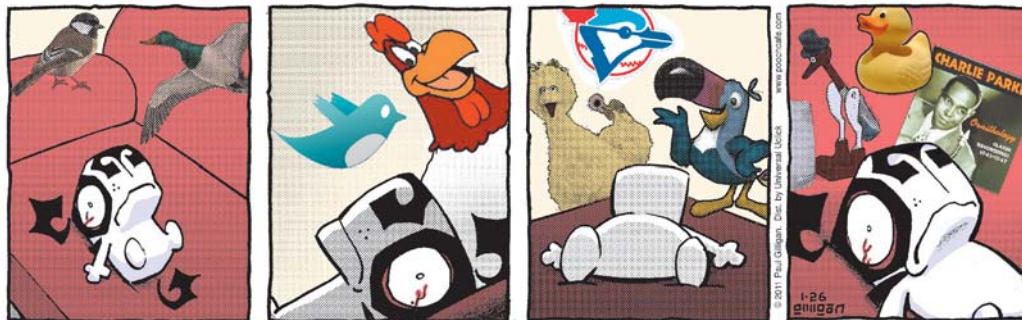
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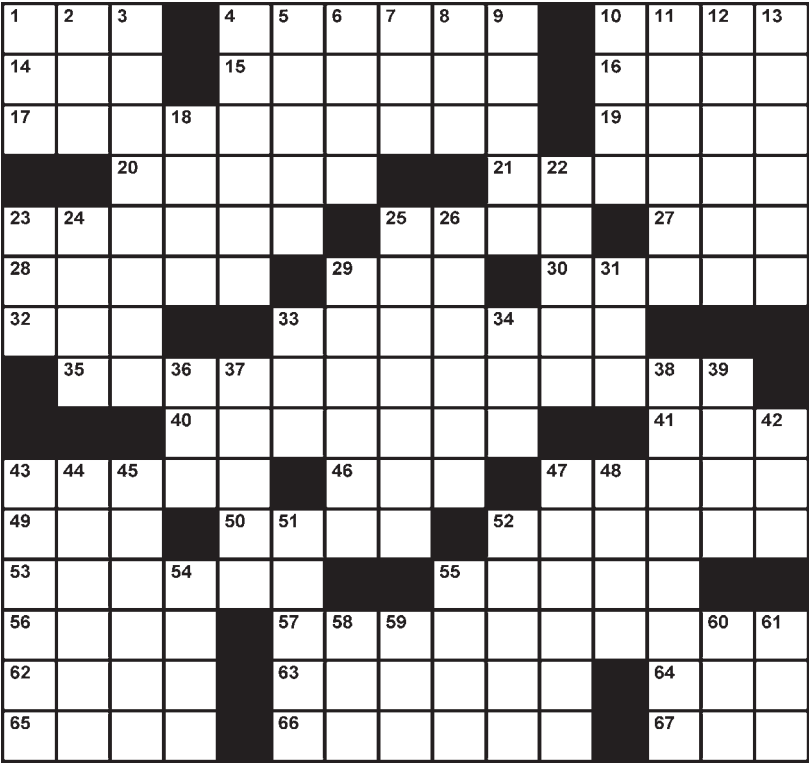
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ACROSS

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- 10 Decorated pitcher
- 14 Yoko from Tokyo
- 15 Extra number
- 16 Prone to sunburn
- 17 Sitcom with Judge Harry Stone
- 19 Where the rial rules
- 20 Dropped hints about
- 21 Mischievous youngster
- 23 They had cool jobs?
- 25 Superhero's garment
- 27 Yearling's age
- 28 German engraver Albrecht
- 29 Speaker systems, briefly
- 30 Car parker
- 32 Smelter input
- 33 Box office triumph
- 35 "Let's Get It Started" group
- 40 Used FedEx
- 41 Owed, as payment
- 43 What theme parks do
- 46 Uncommon sense?
- 47 Drained of color
- 49 Pen inhabitant
- 50 Taro root
- 52 Restraining order?
- 53 Penny-pincher, slangily
- 55 Cavalry blade
- 56 Tobacco dryer
- 57 Film characterized by satiric humor
- 62 Puerto ____
- 63 Showing more age, in a way
- 64 Scottish veto
- 65 Roller coaster's feature
- 66 Ants, old-style
- 67 Wrecking-ball alternative

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- 2 Something to buy from Sajak
- 3 Nonsense verse



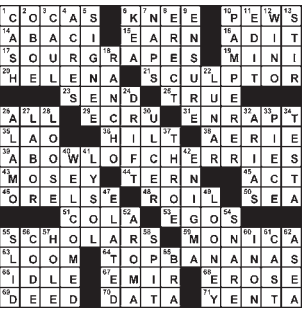
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- 8 Commit a faux pas
- 9 Frame
- 10 Sweeping story
- 11 Soup can painter Andy
- 12 Benes of sitcom fame
- 13 Curdling substance
- 18 Where the heart is, proverbially
- 22 Accelerate sharply
- 23 Words that end an engagement
- 24 Sidewalk border
- 25 West Indian musical style
- 26 Out like a light

- 29 Sounded like a chick
- 31 Grabbed a bite
- 33 Hit the slopes
- 34 Like every other number
- 36 "With the jawbone of an ____ ..." (Judges 15:16)
- 37 Nestling's cry
- 38 Supporter of a cause
- 39 Egypt's ____ Canal
- 42 Dir. opposite of WSW
- 43 State of harmony
- 44 Angora's coat
- 45 Paris-based peace gp.
- 47 Tree-shaded areas
- 48 "... not always what they ____"
- 51 Ram truck maker
- 52 Gemstone surface
- 54 Perched on

- 55 Type of terrier
- 58 Spot for a shot
- 59 St. Louis griddler
- 60 Dapper guy
- 61 "The best is ____ to come!"

Yesterday's Solution



Today in History

1837 Michigan became the 26th state.

1841 Britain formally occupies Hong Kong, which the Chinese had ceded to the British.

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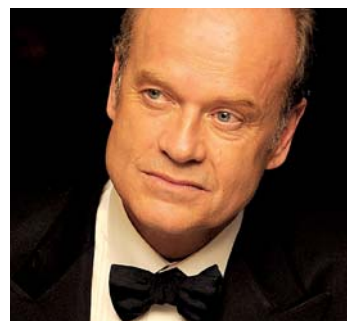
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GUESS THE BLOND**Baby Spice? Mena Suvari? Natalie Maines? Kristen Bell?**

New Zealand's state tourism agency apologized to Anna Faris on Tuesday for attacking her credibility after she told George Lopez that New Zealand men had yelled obscenities at her while she was in the country filming "Yogi Bear." "The inference that Tourism NZ did not take Ms. Faris' comments seriously is very much regretted," said a spokesman, who promised Faris "great Kiwi hospitality" on her next visit. (AP)

**IF ONLY****'Kelsey Grammer's My New BFF' Coming Soon to The Senior Living Channel**

Kelsey Grammer has formed a partnership with a reality TV producer to develop new shows, Variety reported. Stella Bulochnikov-Stolper, creator of "Paris Hilton's My New BFF," says, "I knew that Kelsey loved this space. That he would lend his name and brain and star power to working [with me] was so exciting." (EXPRESS)



We encourage you to decorate Kelsey Grammer's forehead to your liking.

Victims**She's Down, Let's All Kick Her**

Katie Holmes did not impress Sundance viewers. "When Katie showed up on screen, there was a collective groan," a source from the screening of "The Son of No One" told Us magazine. "She plays the wife of a cop, and she was completely miscast. They have her cursing a lot. When she swore, there were chuckles." (EXPRESS)



Kate and her unusually long neck are kissing the commoner life goodbye.

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WIVES**Farewell to All That**

Kate Middleton has resigned from her job as a website designer and photographer for Party Pieces, her parents' online party supply business, Usmagazine.com reported. Middleton will "concentrate full time on preparing to become a member of the royal family," a palace representative said. She's worked for her parents since late 2007, when she quit her job as an accessories buyer for a clothing store. Whether she will return to the working world after her wedding to Prince William was not specified. (EXPRESS)

**STATUS QUO****Don't Worry: She's Still Crazy. Just Read to the End.**

Tila Tequila is sober, according to Radaronline.com. "When you need help, you don't realize it. Last year I was going through a really tough time," the reality show star and tabloid staple told Radar. "I needed help. ... I was in denial." She continues: "I feel like an adult now. I feel like a woman. The girl last year ... I feel like that girl is so far away. I feel like she's dead." (EXPRESS)

"I actually have three because I feel like I'm doing the guy a favor. ... I feel like I don't want to be upset if he picks a bad ring."



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